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SUBJECT: REGULAR LAO PASSPORT TO BE REPLACED

REF: VIENTIANE 6549 (NOTAL)

1. CONSUL TELEPHONED SOUTSAKHONE PATHAMMAVONG, MFA OFFICIAL IN PROTOCOL DIVISION, TO INQUIRE WHERE LAO CITIZEN SHOULD GO TO GET PASSPORT RENEWED. SOUTSAKHONE STATED THAT REGULAR LAO TOURIST PASSPORT IS TO BE REPLACED. HE SAID LAO AUTHORITIES ARE NOW WORKING ON NEW PASSPORT, AND THAT NO OLD PASSPORTS WOULD BE RENEWED. CONSUL ASKED IF OLD LAO PASSPORTS REMAINED VALID FOR PEOPLE TRAVELING ABROAD. SOUTSAKHONE DID NOT DIRECTLY ANSWER QUESTION BUT SAID, INSTEAD, THAT THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO LAO EMBASSIES ABROAD AND APPLY FOR NEW PASSPORTS. CONSUL ASKED THAT SPECIMEN COPY OF NEW LAO TOURIST PASSPORT BE SENT TO HER AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS NOT REPEAT NOT TO ISSUE NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS TO LAO CITIZENS UNTIL THEY OBTAIN NEW TOURIST PASSPORTS ISSUED BY PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS.

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